

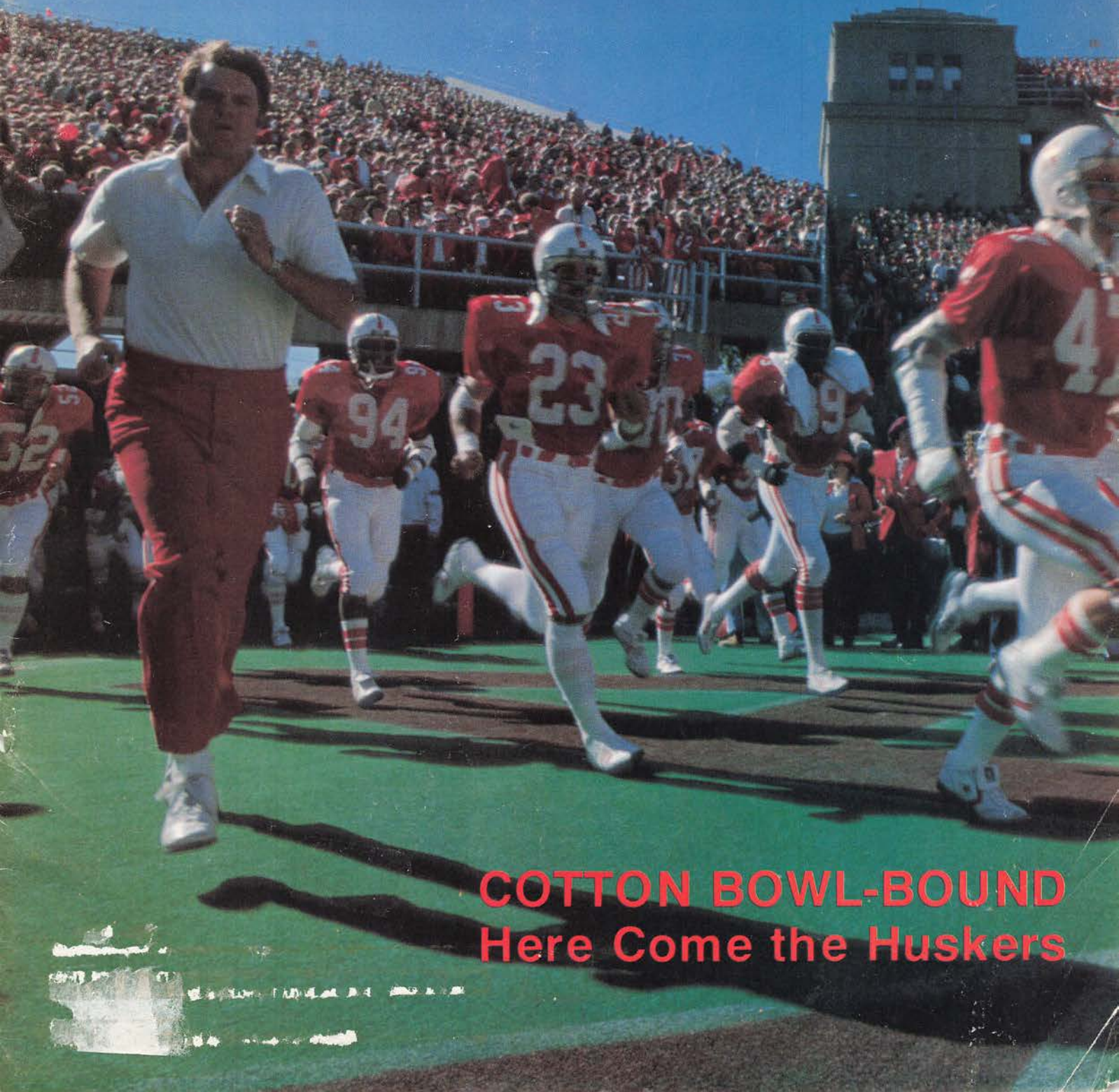
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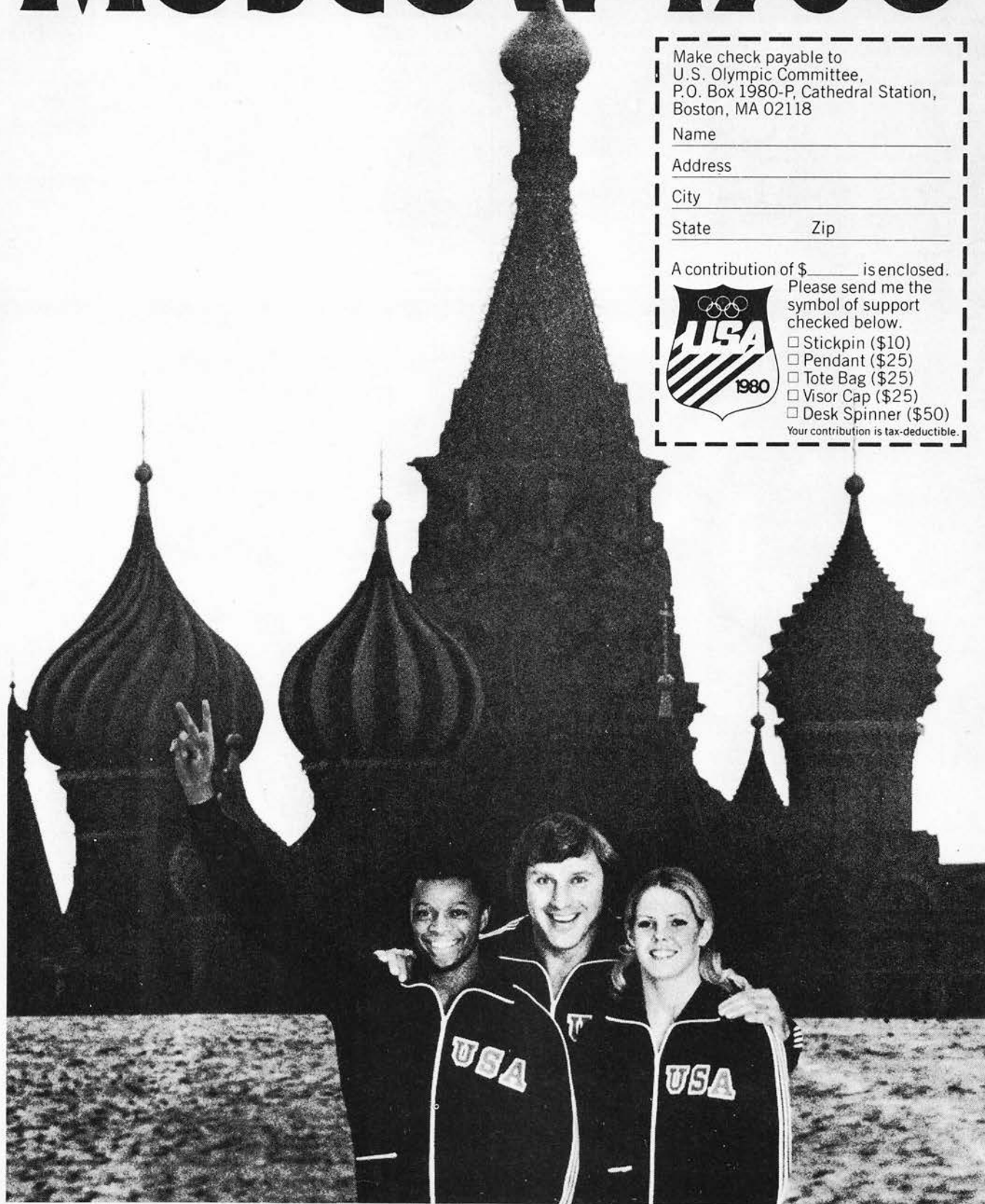
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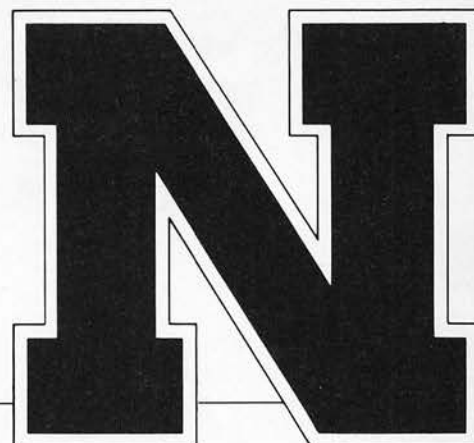
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1979 SEASON IN REVIEW

A Ruinous Injury

by Charlie Smith

But for the occurrence of one play, what a different season it might have been for the Nebraska football team. And, no, that one play was none of Billy Sims' runs.

The play occurred with 3:56 remaining in the second quarter on November 3. And, while the extra-point kick wasn't meaningless, the result didn't mean THAT much. The big occurrence was off to one side of Dean Sukup's kick.

It was a collision between Missouri nose guard Norman Goodman and Nebraska I-back Jarvis Redwine.

It wasn't until later, much later, that the significance of the play could be fully appreciated. Goodman took Redwine out of that game with a strained right knee.

The Missouri nose guard later explained he was lined up outside on extra-point kicks for the first time and really didn't know

what he was supposed to do.

After the game, Nebraska head coach Tom Osborne said, "I'm anxious to look at the film. Jarvis said the guy made no effort to block the kick, that he just went after his knees. I hope the film shows that he's wrong."

The film did not. And Missouri coach Warren Powers called Osborne the next day to apologize.

Without Redwine, the Cornhuskers stumbled through the second half against Missouri and the following two weeks against Kansas State and Iowa State.

But they couldn't stumble through against Oklahoma — and what was a powerful team became merely a good one.

Prior to the Missouri game, Redwine had gained 889 yards on 117 carries. He was averaging 7.6 yards per carry and leading

the Big Eight Conference in rushing — and, not coincidentally, was setting college football afire.

But the knee injury proved too much for him. Osborne wanted to hold him out against Kansas State, but could not. Redwine entered the game with 8:21 left in the third quarter. He ran gingerly, but what was worse, he suffered an ankle injury to go with the ailing knee and left the contest early in the fourth quarter.

"I caught a pass and tried to make a move," said the junior transfer from Oregon State. "The knee felt good, but now I'm concerned about the ankle."

In the next-to-last game against Iowa State, Redwine started, but played only five downs. He carried the football on the last four and left the game before the first possession was finished.

"I'm not too concerned about Jarvis," Osborne said after the victory over Iowa State. "He just got the ankle stung a little bit. I think he'll be all right next week."

But next week, Redwine was not all right. He practiced little the week before the Oklahoma game and could not start, giving way to I. M. Hipp, who spent the season with strained toe ligaments.

Redwine entered the fracas at Norman with eight minutes-plus to go in the first quarter and made every effort to inject some life into the Cornhuskers' lackluster attack. He gained 20 yards on his first carry, scored Nebraska's first touchdown on a 10-yard pass reception and added a 30-yard run on a third-quarter drive.

But, once again, the ankle flared up and he had to be helped from the field on the first play of the fourth quarter.

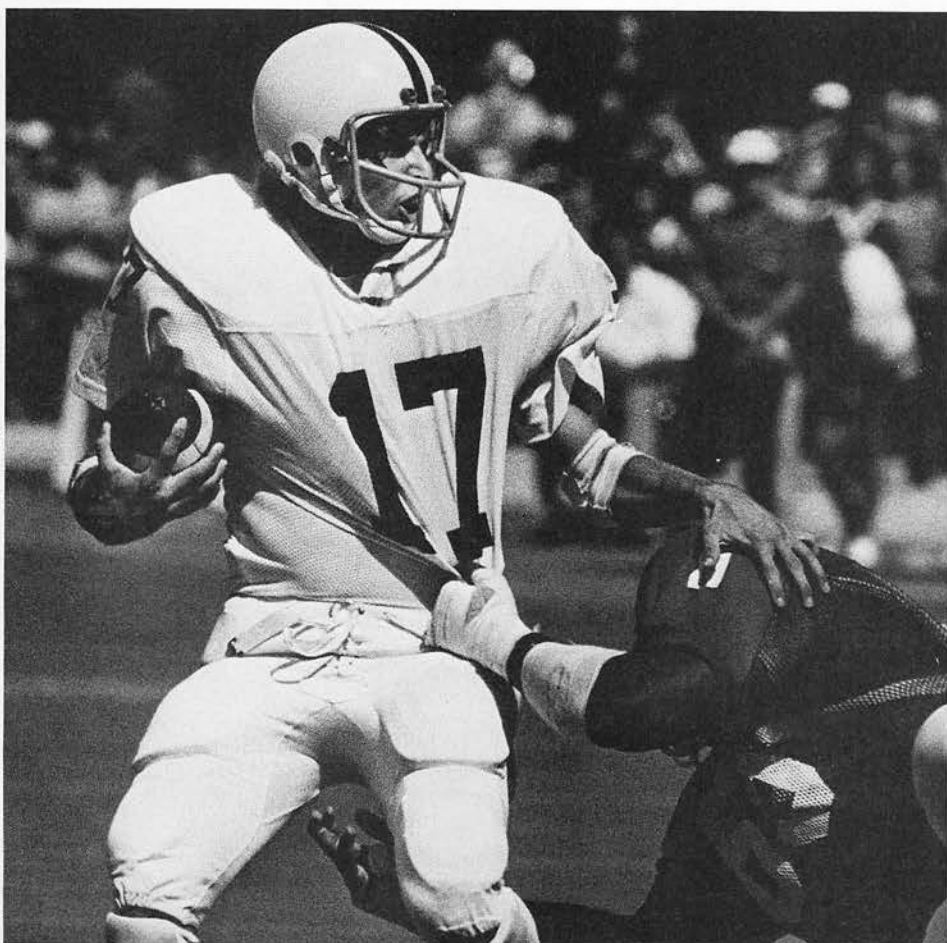
"My ankle didn't bother me at the start of the game," Redwine said. "But I got it hurt



No tale of the 1979 Nebraska football season would be complete without relating the ups and downs of Tim Hager (10), left, and Jarvis Redwine (12), right. Hager started seven straight games, from Penn State through Kansas State, at quarterback and scampered 42 yards here to set up a touchdown against Missouri. Redwine had five straight 100-yard-plus games before he was felled by a knee injury at Mizzou. He was not able to finish any of the last four games.

Ted Kirk photos





again. We audibled right into one of their blitzes. I took the pitchout and (George) Cumby tackled me and lifted up. That's when I hurt my ankle."

Redwine finished with 1,042 yards on 148 carries for a 7.0-yard average every time his number was called. But he gained only 153 yards in Nebraska's last four games, due to the knee and ankle injuries.

So, it was a season that might have been. At the beginning, almost anyone gladly would have accepted a 10-1 record and trip to the Cotton Bowl. But at the end, that was second best.

Redwine's injuries, of course, might not have altered the outcome of the Nebraska-Oklahoma game. But they most certainly affected NU's momentum in the games leading up to the big showdown, and his inability to play at full speed had an obvious effect on the Huskers' offensive attack.

Almost as meaningful was Nebraska's inability to establish a number one quarterback. The Cornhuskers opened the season with junior Jeff Quinn and he enjoyed a fine opening game in a 35-14 victory over Utah State, gaining 112 yards on 19 carries and becoming the first Husker quarterback to gain 100 yards rushing since such records first were kept.

Quinn's status took a dramatic turn for the worse the following week at Iowa, though, after suffering a turned ankle in practice. Down 21-7 in the third quarter, Osborne turned to fifth-year redshirt senior Tim Hager to bail out the Huskers. Hager did just that, engineering three straight scoring drives for a 24-21 victory.

Hager enjoyed another exceptional game against Penn State the following week and remained the starter for seven straight weeks. Quinn, however, was ushered into the Kansas State contest in the second quarter, which Osborne later said was something he intended to do before the game. And Quinn finished as the starter against Iowa State and Oklahoma.

Hager did not play a down against Oklahoma.

Highlight of the season for Nebraska, without question, was the Penn State game. It was a classic confrontation and one that Cornhusker fans immediately acknowledged from the start as the game

Defensively, the Huskers were stout all year long, thanks to plays like those made by linebacker Kim Baker (41), above, and nose guard Oudious Lee (65), below. Baker moves in on Colorado's Bill Solomon (8), while Lee won't let go of Penn State's Dayle Tate (17).

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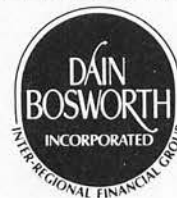
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And what a game it was.

Penn State jumped on top with an 82-yard drive on its second possession. Two passes by Dayle Tate to Brad Scovill covered 40 and 19 yards, the last one for a touchdown.

Minutes later, Hager's pass for Junior Miller was intercepted by Tom Wise and returned 30 yards for yet another touchdown.

It was at that point that Penn State looked to be a big winner on national television and in front of the Huskers' faithful.

But the second quarter was a different story.

Nebraska scored on four of five possessions. Husker backs ran at will and Hager's passes were on the marks.

"When we were down 14-0, there were no signs of panic," said Osborne. "I had a feeling of panic in my stomach because I felt with their defensive line, we might have trouble scoring 14 points."

The first two touchdowns were Hager-to-Miller passes. The first one covered 11 yards and the second was a 70-yarder. That was the play that seemed to light a fire

under Nebraska.

A Penn State fumble after the kickoff set up Nebraska only 15 yards away from its third touchdown. Kenny Brown did the honors on a 16-yard run off a deep reverse.

After the Nittany Lions were forced to punt, Nebraska stampeded 58 yards for a fourth touchdown. Andra Franklin scored on a five-yard bolt up the middle.

Penn State's hopes flickered briefly with a field goal in the third quarter, but the Huskers turned out the lights with two scoring marches that ate up most of the fourth period.

And the 42-17 final score propelled Nebraska into the national championship spotlight.

"The big difference," said Osborne, "was intensity. And now it's important to come back and play well again. I don't want a roller-coaster type of football team. I don't want us to play well one week and poorly the next."

For the next three weeks, the Huskers were virtually perfect. In succession, they shut out New Mexico State 57-0, Kansas 42-0 and Oklahoma State 36-0.

They well may have played their best

conference game of the season at Oklahoma State. This was the same Oklahoma State team that finished third in the Big Eight with a 7-4 overall record and 5-2 in conference play.

So complete was Nebraska's dominance that Oklahoma State was held to 10 first downs (three via penalty), 37 yards rushing and 79 yards passing.

It was a total mismatch before the largest crowd, 51,000, ever to see a game at Stillwater.

Brown enjoyed his finest outing, gaining 111 yards on eight carries. He became the only wingback in Nebraska history to rush for more than 100 yards in a single game. Not even the fabled Johnny Rodgers ever did that.

Colorado was little different than the previous six foes, falling 38-10. The Buffs, however, did break the Huskers' shutout streak by driving for an opening-quarter field goal. Linebacker Bill Roe scored the first touchdown against Nebraska since the Penn State game when he plucked a Hager pass and rambled 69 yards.

Between the two pass interceptions, the



The Huskers enjoyed some good fortune along the way, too. Swarmed under by some Colorado defenders, Hager's pass was ruled incomplete, although there were some who thought the loose ball could have been judged a fumble.

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Huskers had not allowed a touchdown in 16 quarters.

Redwine, at this point, was in full flight. He gained 206 yards on 18 carries and enjoyed 56 and 13-yard scoring runs.

"He's the fastest back we've ever had," Osborne said that day. "If you give Jarvis the ball 10 times, he's got a chance to break a long one."

Unfortunately for Osborne and Nebraska, that was Redwine's last fully healthy game of 1979.

After he was injured and Nebraska had built a 20-6 lead at Missouri, the Tigers came roaring back. Only a week before, Missouri had suffered a humiliating 19-3 loss to Kansas State. But the Tigers did not roll over for Nebraska.

Phil Bradley led Missouri back to a 20-20 tie, thanks in large measure to an Anthony Steels fumble that Orlando Pope secured in mid-air and returned 17 yards for a touchdown.

Sukup, however, broke the tie with a 19-yard field goal 3:15 from the end. And that prompted the final hysteria.

Missouri stampeded back down the field and faced the final play of the day at the Nebraska 11-yard line with three seconds left. MU coach Warren Powers chose not to try a field goal and asked Phil Bradley to throw for the winning touchdown.

With the entire throng of 74,575 on its feet, Bradley dropped back in the late-afternoon light. He never saw a rampaging Derrie Nelson running full tilt from the left side until it was too late.

Nelson decked Bradley, the football bounced loose and Nebraska's eighth victory of the season was preserved.

"We were rushing both ends," said Nelson in the NU quarters. "I didn't get picked up and I came up free. You don't ever really think something like that is going to happen. I thought he'd get the pass off. But not after I was on him. I was grabbing at his arms. I wanted to make sure he wasn't going to get off some little pass of some kind."

For Nebraska, it was the play of the season.

Without Redwine, though, the Huskers were less than awesome in 21-12 and 34-3 victories over Kansas State and Iowa State. Nelson also was hampered by an ankle injury, first inflicted at Missouri and reinjured against Iowa State.

Still, Nebraska peddled into the Oklahoma clash with an unblemished 10-0 record. Another unbeaten team, 11-0 Florida State, was waiting for the winner in the Orange Bowl. And the Southwest Conference champion would take on the loser in the Cotton Bowl.

The decision for the Big Eight runnerup



And, finally, there was Junior Miller (89). The Huskers' 244-pound tight end enjoyed some outstanding games in 1979, but Oklahoma was not one of them. He was held to one pass reception on plays like this one by OU's Bud Hebert (33) and Sherwood Taylor (31).

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to be invited to the Cotton Bowl was made on bowl signing date, November 17, the week before the Nebraska-Oklahoma game.

A month before, Nebraska had looked to be a certain winner in the annual Big Eight showdown. But some things had changed in that month.

But, if anything had remained constant, it was Nebraska's defense. It was tenacious and ranked number one in the nation against the run, allowing only 67.2 rushing yards per game.

Billy Sims and Company, however, hushed that kind of talk — and quickly.

Sims ran 68 yards on Oklahoma's first possession. But the touchdown was nullified when Freddie Nixon clipped a quick-thinking Andy Means at the Nebraska 15. Means, knowing he couldn't catch Sims, slowed up with Nixon behind and intentionally took the clip. Means intercepted J. C. Watts' pass to Nixon in the end zone on the next play.

Still, Sims had shown he could run against Nebraska's defense.

And he continued to do so most of the

afternoon. It was his 71-yard dash with 9:40 to play in the fourth quarter that finally broke open the game. When Watts scored on fourth down from the three with 7:55 left, it was the first touchdown scored against Nebraska in the fourth quarter all season. The Huskers managed to rally for one touchdown, but that only shortened the final margin to 17-14.

Sims finished the game with 247 yards on 28 carries and Oklahoma had 352 yards rushing, more than five times Nebraska's average yield.

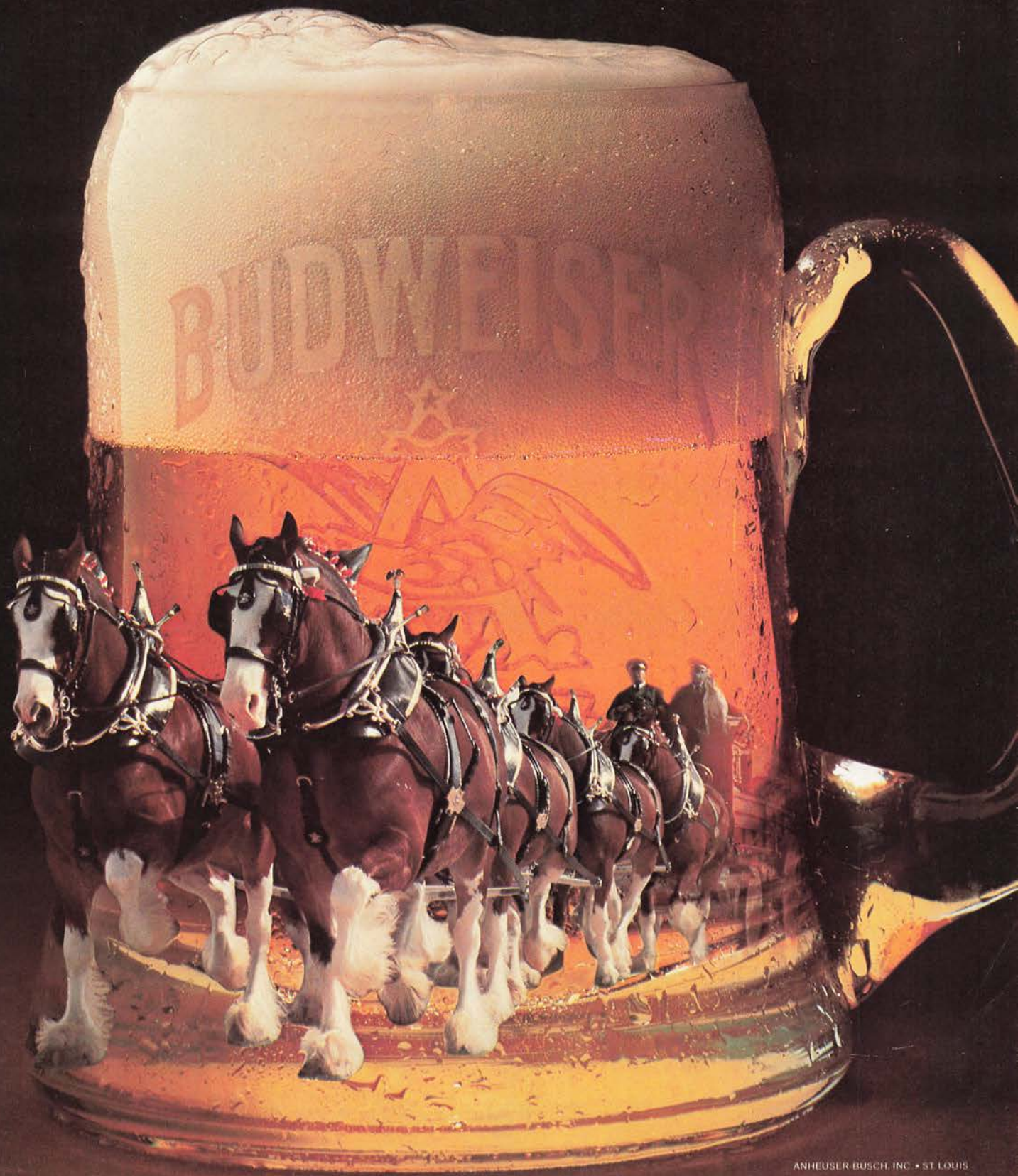
"Oklahoma just played better than we did," said a disappointed Osborne. "I didn't think anybody could do that to us. But they did. They just beat us on both sides of the football."

Added Redwine, who had to be helped off the field on the first play of the fourth quarter, "This is tough. All the practices, all the long meetings . . . it's tough. You can imagine what it's like getting out there in August and going until November.

"But it's not like we were 0 and 11, either."

No, it isn't. But to some, losing again to Oklahoma seems just as bad. **N**

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The Big Gamble

by Charlie Smith

Nebraska in the Cotton Bowl, Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl. Sounds simple, doesn't it? Especially after the Sooners' 17-14 victory in the regular-season finale in Norman on November 24.

But it was anything except simple.

How the current bowl situation could have developed is mind-boggling. It involves contractual tieups, early choosing dates and pride by the helmets-ful.

The fact is, Nebraska and Oklahoma went shopping the week before their big game. And they came up winners.

Both wanted to play in a New Year's Day game and felt their record warranted such consideration. But the fact is, there are only two spots in New Year's Day games open to league runnersup — unless another Orange Bowl rematch is considered.

The Cotton Bowl gambled and won. But what a gamble it was.

The Dallas extravaganza could have had another Texas-Oklahoma game. And that is something absolutely no one wanted. It is the possibility that gave Cotton Bowl officials pause to reflect throughout the week of negotiations before invitations were issued on Saturday, November 17.

As it is — because of Oklahoma's triumph over Nebraska and Arkansas' 31-7 victory over Southern Methodist — the Cotton Bowl will host neither of the Red River rivals. After all, once a year for those two to shoot up Dallas is plenty.

"That was the thing that we are very, very definitely against," says Field Scovell, chairman of the Cotton Bowl selection committee. "That just doesn't have any place in college football, as far as I'm concerned."

Still, the Cotton Bowl faced the very real possibility of just such a rematch occurring.

"We knew that," says Scovell. "But when

we got to that point, which was well before the choosing date, we talked to the coaches of the teams involved. We don't like to poll the coaches when we pick a football team, but we felt like in this instance we should have their thoughts. They both said to go right ahead."

Scovell did not add, "And let the chips fall where they may."

Nebraska and Oklahoma, quite obviously, did not wish to play their November 24 game as a winner-take-all situation. That meant the loser would have to secure the visitor's invitation in either the Cotton Bowl or the Sugar Bowl.

"We talked about it, about our preferences," says NU athletic director Bob Devaney. "We definitely wanted a New Year's Day game, because of the money and all."

The upshot was the Fiesta Bowl was more than willing to take the loser right away. That was made clear up front. But since both Tom Osborne and Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer wanted a New Year's Day bowl for the loser, more ticklish negotiations were conducted.

The Sugar Bowl entered the picture in mid-week before Nebraska played Iowa State and Oklahoma played Missouri. But that never materialized, and seemed a far-fetched scheme at best, even though Sugar Bowl officials made some noises about the possibility.

The Cotton Bowl became interested when it surveyed its options.

First off, the Cotton Bowl has made a habit of inviting independent powers like Notre Dame and Penn State in recent years. But in 1979 there were no independent powers, with one major exception, that merited real consideration for any of the major bowls. The exception was Florida State.

"We knew Florida State would go to the Orange Bowl, if it had the opportunity," says Scovell. "I certainly think I would have, too, if I had been in their situation."

That meant the Cotton Bowl had to look around for a conference runner-up.

When Auburn defeated Georgia, that put Alabama into the Sugar Bowl and there was no other team in the Southeastern Conference that looked strong enough.

On the Saturday of November 17, the Cotton Bowl had representatives at the following games: Florida State-Memphis State, Ohio State-Michigan, Alabama-Miami, Purdue-Indiana, Oklahoma-Missouri and Nebraska-Iowa State.

"And that's pretty much what we had in mind," says Scovell.

The Cotton Bowl thought it might land a once-beaten Ohio State team if Michigan won. So they were covering that base, too.

But what happened when the games had been played was the Nebraska-Oklahoma loser still looked like the best bet for the Dallas classic.

There are two basic ingredients to making a successful bowl game. One is a full stadium. And two, perhaps even more important, is high television ratings.

With either Nebraska or Oklahoma, the Cotton Bowl assured itself of a full house on New Year's Day. And the television ratings will have to take care of themselves.

That's because the Cotton Bowl faced too many possibilities after it had made its selections. The Southwest Conference representative still could have been Texas, Arkansas or Houston. And the visiting team still could be Nebraska or Oklahoma.

That set up the following possibilities before the November 24 game:

- Texas-Oklahoma.
- Texas-Nebraska.
- Arkansas-Oklahoma.
- Arkansas-Nebraska.
- Houston-Oklahoma
- Houston-Nebraska.

Any of the above six pairings were acceptable to the Cotton Bowl — except one, the Texas-Oklahoma matchup.

"We were covered in two events," says Scovell. "If Arkansas beat SMU, Texas was out. And if Oklahoma beat Nebraska, that would take OU out."

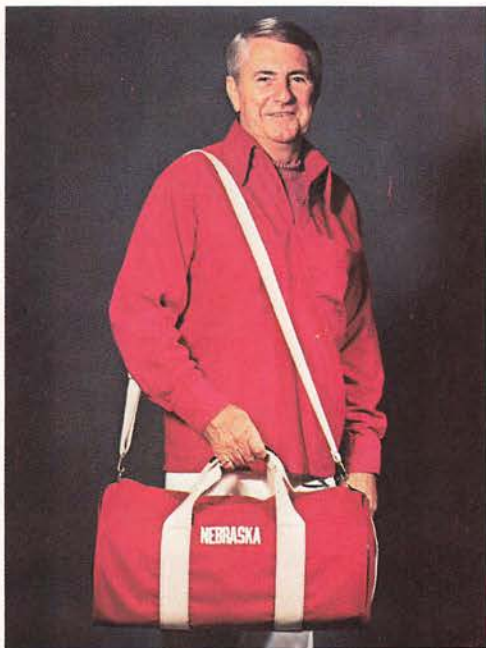
As it turned out, both sets of odds smiled on the Cotton Bowl.

On the Saturday of November 17, the telephone lines were hot and heavy to the five committee members remaining in Dallas.

"We talked to every one of our representatives at the games before their half-

A big factor in the Cotton Bowl's gamble to take the Nebraska-Oklahoma loser was the certainty of the following. Bowl officials love to have teams that are well-supported and, as the Huskers' faithful demonstrates at left, Nebraska is at the top of that category.

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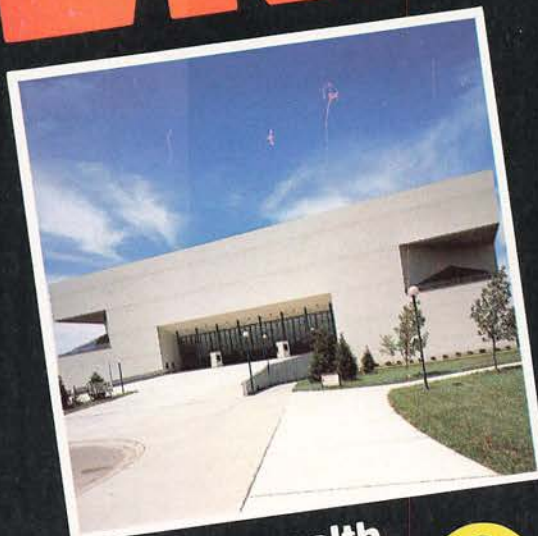


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times were over," says Scovell. "And, naturally, we talked again after the games."

Besides the obvious lack of enthusiasm for a Texas-Oklahoma rematch, there was one more item that rankled the Cotton Bowl. And that was being forced to take a loser.

"You always think about that," says Scovell. "You'd much rather have a team coming off a win. And always a win that's televised."

"But we've been down that road before. We picked Penn State one time and North Carolina State beat 'em the next week. And we picked Duke one time and someone beat them 42-0 the following Saturday."

The fact is, it is Nebraska, Oklahoma and the Big Eight Conference that got the best end of the Cotton Bowl deal. None of them gambled anything. And all came out winners.

Scovell says some new rules have to be adopted to avoid the same thing happening year after year.

"We have got to move the signing date back," he suggests. "There are 15 bowls now and I don't think there are 30 bowl teams available. And especially not when some of those teams have two and three games left when you're trying to pick 'em."

Scovell managed to avoid the big disaster that could have befallen the Cotton Bowl, though. And that was a Texas-Oklahoma rematch.

"If that had happened," he says, "I'd have had to decide whether I'd cut my throat or just shoot myself. I'd just hope the weather was good on the day of my funeral so some people would show up."

Right on, podnah. **N**

Andra Franklin, Nebraska's bruising fullback who blocks as well as he runs, will be a key participant in Nebraska's 11th consecutive bowl appearance at the January 1, 1980, Cotton Bowl.

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TOP-HEAVY

Pity the poor quarterback! Not only does he have to pass over and run around defensive linemen who are immensely larger than he is, he also must suffer the consequences if he doesn't.

Colorado's Charlie Davis pays the price by trying on a 248-pound overcoat for size before he can rid himself of the football. The outer garment is Nebraska middle guard Oudious Lee.

Lee is one of the top six Nebraska interior linemen who complete their eligibility this season. Others are nose guard Kerry Weinmaster and tackles Rod Horn, Bill Barnett, Dan Pensick and David Clark. This is the area where Nebraska will face the biggest rebuilding task for 1980.

John Bills photo





All-Consuming Passion

by Mike Babcock

Indiana . . . a nice place to visit and a nice place from which to be, particularly if your game is basketball. Consider Nebraska freshman recruits Eric Williams and Chuck Anderson.

Williams is a 6-0, 190-pound guard from South Bend, Indiana. He played at Washington High, a school known more for football, perhaps, than basketball, where he started 87 straight games, twice earned all-state honors and scored 1,481 points.

Anderson stands 6-5 and weighs 184 pounds. He also plays guard, as well as forward, and averaged 20 points and eight rebounds per game to lead North Platte to the Nebraska Class A state tournament his senior year in high school.

In the district finals against Grand Island, he scored 39 points to take his Bulldogs to the state tourney for the second time in as many seasons.

After graduating and signing a collegiate letter of intent to play basketball at Nebraska, Anderson decided he needed to spend a summer in the big city.

"I think I've got something to prove. Not everybody has confidence that I can make it at Nebraska," says the former Super-State selection. "I've never wanted anything as badly as playing here."

As a result, not just any big city would do for Anderson's summer vacation. He was looking for one in a basketball-crazy state like Indiana. So he chose Indianapolis.

He adopted the Bobby Plump family there and spent last summer learning basketball Indiana-playground style.

"It's a whole different world. People play basketball there all the time . . . everybody does. You can go to playgrounds and find old men playing. They bring their families; it's unbelievable," Anderson says of his new environment.

Bobby Plump was chosen Mr. Basketball in Indiana in 1954, an honor which establishes his fame forever in the state. Plump played for tiny Milan High, which defeated mighty Crispus Attucks for the

one-class Indiana state championship that season. Plump's last-second shot produced the victory.

"It was the 'shot heard around the world,'" says Anderson, exaggerating the legend slightly.

Plump went on to play at Butler University in Indianapolis, and then spent time with the Phillips 66 Oilers of the once-great United States AAU industrial league.

Bobby's son, Jonathon, is a 6-6 junior at Cathedral High in Indianapolis. Last summer he was Anderson's constant companion on the playgrounds of the city.

Nebraska assistant Ron Stewart once coached Jonathon and Anderson met him two summers ago at a Husker basketball camp. They became friends and Anderson was invited for a visit — "They're like family to me now," he says.

Williams didn't have to seek out competition in Indiana. He grew up there and came by it naturally.

While Anderson was visiting the Plump family, Williams played in the Indiana-Kentucky prep all-star games, one in Indianapolis at the Market Square Arena, the other at Freedom Hall in Louisville, Kentucky.

His future Nebraska teammate was in the audience. "I talked to him after both games," Anderson says.

Williams ranked second on Indiana University's recruiting list of point guards, just behind Isiah Thomas, a Chicago athlete considered to be the number one prep guard in the country after a sterling career at Westchester-St. Joseph High School.

"I can't envision Thomas being any better than Eric, but Indiana had him as their number one point guard and Eric was number two," says John Solmos, a former Kansas State football player who was Williams' high school coach.

When Thomas signed a national basketball letter-of-intent with Indiana, Williams canceled his visit there. He chose Nebraska over Arkansas, Lamar and Fresno

State.

Williams averaged 16 points per game on a team which had four other players who also averaged in double figures. "Coach (Tom) Baack told me he compares Eric to Darnell Valentine," Solmos says.

So much for that. There's not a better player in the Big Eight than Kansas' muscular guard.

Like Valentine, Williams plans to make things happen for Nebraska's offense. With the players the Huskers have recruited this year, NU may find itself getting up and down the court much quicker than a year ago.

"You can't do anything standing around, so you might as well take it right to the opponent," Williams says. "We're young and we're not very tall, but we're going after people this year."

"That's the way I like to play. That's the way this team likes to play. It looks to me like we have some quickness and some guys who really want to work."

He and Anderson are among six freshmen and a junior college transfer who would like to see some varsity action in their first season at Nebraska.

Greg Downing and Lance Berwald are from Minnesota. Dave MacFarlane is another Nebraskan; Sammy Curran is a red-shirt freshman from Liberal, Kansas, and Tim West is the transfer from State Fair Community College in Sedalia, Missouri.

None are more intense about playing for the Cornhuskers than Anderson, who considered Creighton, Wyoming and Dartmouth before settling on Nebraska.

That decision led him to pack his bags and head for Indiana.

Matching skills with players like Raymond Whitley, Chuck Barnett and Randy Wittman, all one-time Indianapolis prep stars, is quite different from making the rounds on a summer afternoon in central Nebraska.

Whitley, a post-season all-Big Eight

tournament first-team selection last year, and Barnett, a freshman, now play at Oklahoma. Wittman is a returning starter at Indiana, a team ranked number one in many pre-season polls.

"Playing against guys like that makes you better. You can't improve by playing somebody not as good as you because you just beat them into the ground," Anderson says.

"We went two or three places every day and, twice a week, Butler University opened its gym. The play was a little rougher than I've been used to, but you've got to be ready for that in college."

Sometimes the pick-up games occurred no farther away than the Plump family driveway. Then Bobby would join in.

"It's true," Anderson says of the fanaticism that attends Indiana basketball.

Downing worked his basketball magic in the relative obscurity of Duluth, Minnesota, a difficult place to reach in the winter months. But his credentials are impeccable: two-time all-state, Minnesota's Mr. Basketball, 1,336 career points, and an ability and willingness to play defense.

Nebraska coaches have compared him to former Cornhuskers Jerry Fort, NU's all-time leading career scorer, and Al Nissen, a tough defensive player who came to Lincoln from South Dakota.

Downing is a slender swingman, who stands 6-2 and weighs only 164 pounds, but "he plays at about 6-6 . . . he's a leaper," says his coach, Jim Hastings.

"Greg's timing is super. He can stand and dunk a basketball. He's got good range, and he moves to the basket extremely well. But defense, that's our forte, and Greg has spent a lot of practice time on that 'dullery,'" Hastings says.

In Nebraska's basketball philosophy, defense is not "dullery." It's an integral part of the game and Downing is likely to be a little ahead of most freshmen in that aspect of his play.

There's no questioning his offensive ability. Downing was a 56 percent shooter from the field his senior year, during which he averaged 24 points and nine rebounds per game. "He could have averaged 30 to 35 points, but he was definitely a team player," says Hastings.

In his three years as a starter, Downing's teams compiled a 64-6 record. He nar-

rowed his choices to Nebraska and home-state Minnesota before choosing the Cornhuskers.

Downing's expectations for this year's NU team parallel those of Williams. "When you don't have much size, you have to attack people to win," he says. "You can't lay back and fight the battle. You have to be aggressive. That's the way I like to play."

"That's the way I'm used to playing."

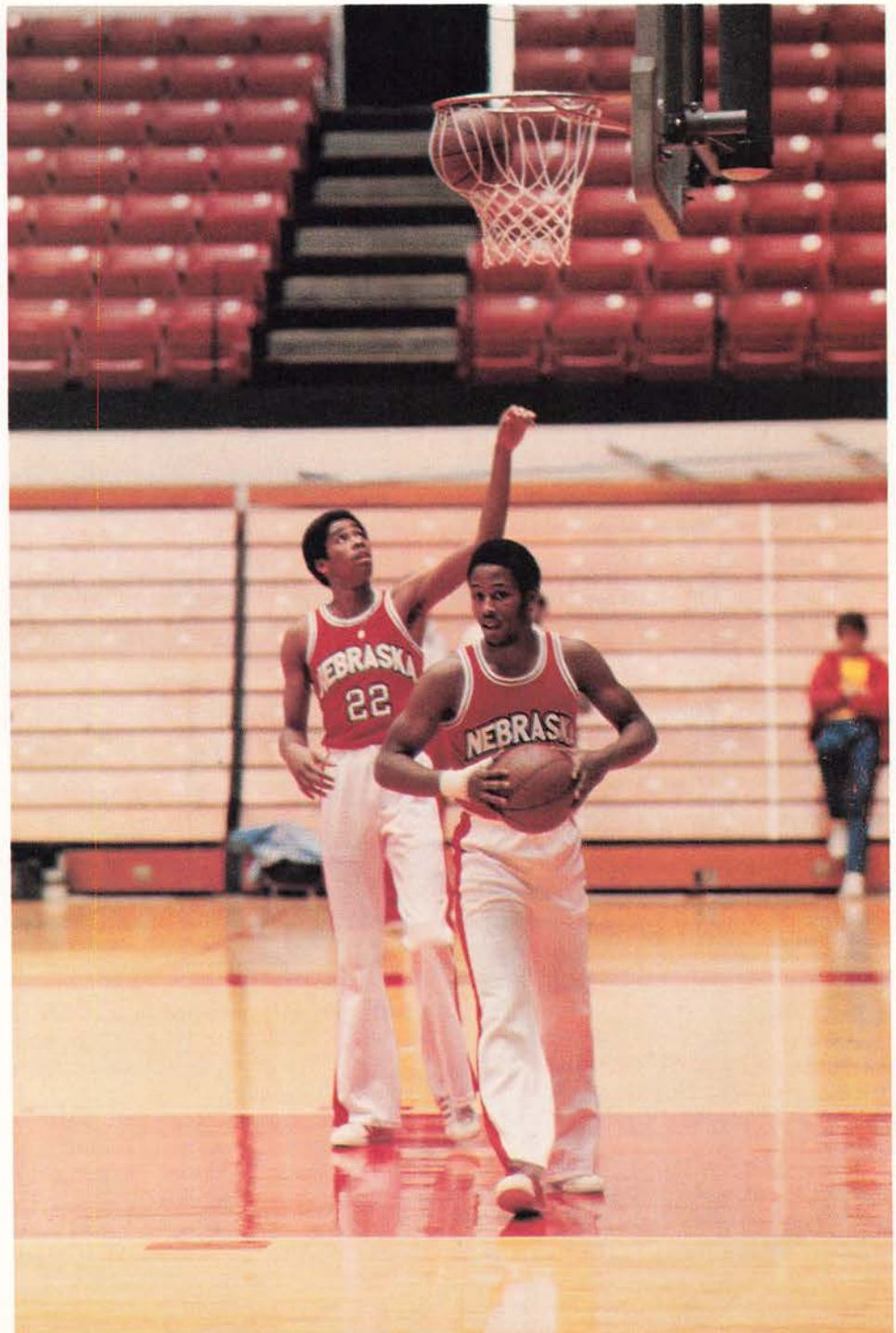
Berwald, 6-10, earned all-metro honors while playing at Minneapolis Washburn High, where he averaged 21.5 points and

17.9 rebounds per game.

MacFarlane, who could become the first 7-footer to play for Nebraska, starred at Plattsmouth High School, averaging 22 points and 12 rebounds per game his senior year.

Both Berwald and MacFarlane weigh more than 230 pounds, so hopefully they will be able to develop the strength to withstand the physical punishment dealt out to centers in the Big Eight. Maturity is the key for each player.

MacFarlane has an excellent shooting



Greg Downing, left, and Eric Williams shoot some hoops together on Nebraska basketball picture day before a full-scale scrimmage.

Ted Kirk photo

touch for an athlete his size, while Berwald has the aggressiveness to play the low post or perhaps even a strong forward, someday.

Like Anderson, West has something to prove. "A lot of people have told me I can't play in the Big Eight, but that just makes me mad," he says.

West comes to the Cornhuskers from Tunas, Missouri, a community of "about 15" in Lake of the Ozarks country, about an hour north of Springfield, near Cross Timbers and Preston. "It's just one store and a

junior college player and a third-team NJCAA All-America.

He averaged 21 points per game by shooting 55 percent from the field and 80 percent from the free throw line, and he hauled in 12 rebounds per contest.

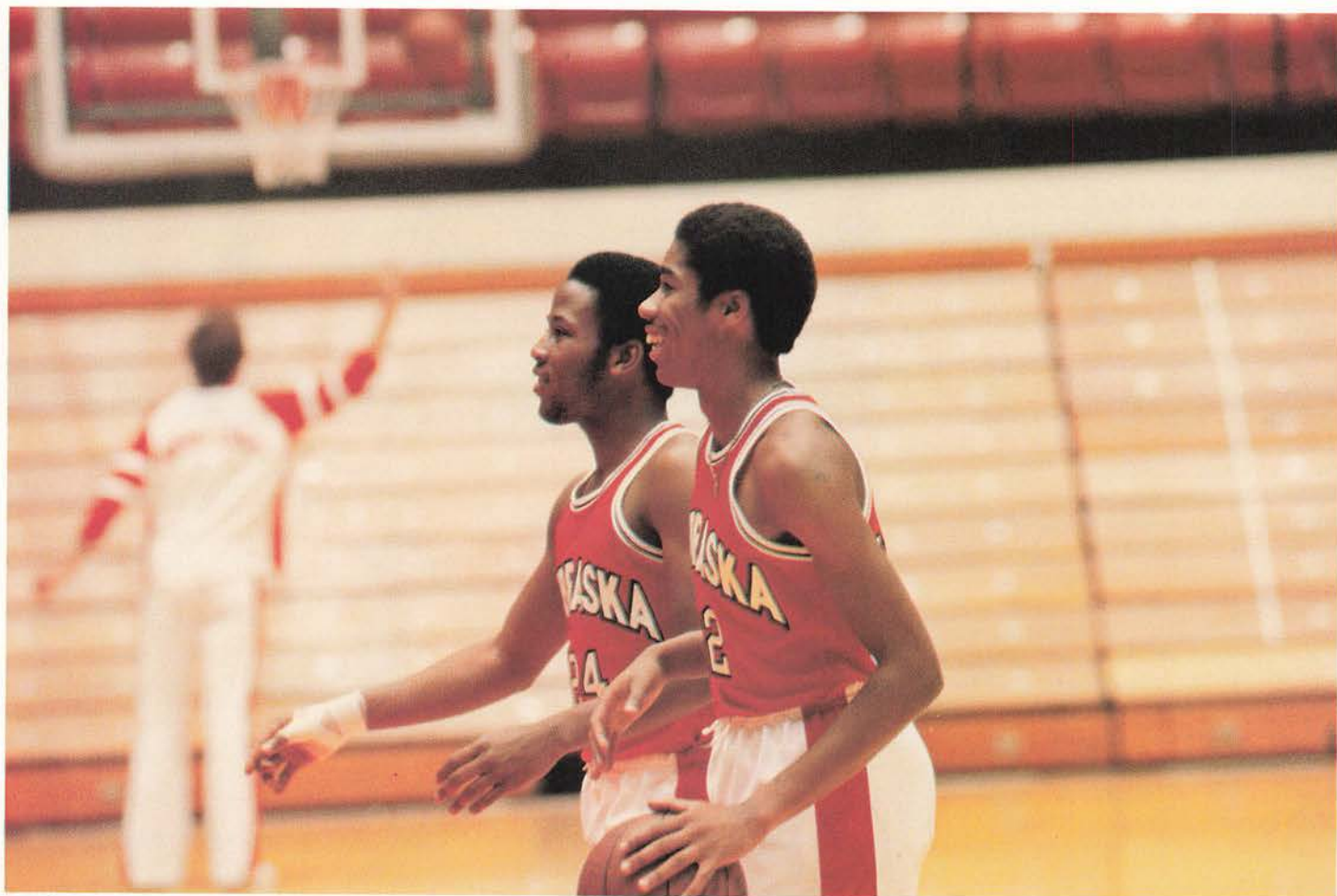
"I've got over 60 games of experience in junior college. I'm from a small country town, and I was able to get with bigger and better players," West says. "It really improved my game."

The first night NU assistant coach Moe Iba saw him play, West scored 30 points and had 15 rebounds. So the big farm boy

ors and win the award as "All-Area Player of the Year."

How quickly the freshmen mature will be important in determining how strong Nebraska's basketball team can be this season. As last year's group of first-year players came to realize, there is much to learn in making the transition from being a high school star to becoming a competent collegiate player.

That's why a talented athlete like Anderson would set up his summer to include a change of scenery and a visit to one of the hotbeds of amateur basketball.



Williams, left, and Downing figure to have excellent chances to make the NU starting lineup at some point this winter.

Ted Kirk photo

service station," he says.

The 6-4, 212-pound junior developed his basketball skills at Skyline-Urbana High School, in Urbana, Missouri — population 369 — and State Fair Community College in Sedalia.

After an outstanding career at a small Class 1A high school — the team was 88-20 during his four years there — West decided to follow his coach, Dale Kimberling, to State Fair CC.

Kimberling became an assistant coach; West became the region's outstanding

from Tunas was given the opportunity to become a Cornhusker. He didn't hesitate.

"Seeing the Sports Center was a dream come true," he says.

Curran saw plenty of the Bob Devaney Sports Center last winter. The problem was, he couldn't do more than practice because he was a redshirt.

At 6-7 and 185 pounds, he should compete at a forward position for the Huskers this season. His senior year at Liberal High School, Curran averaged 24 points and 10 rebounds per game to earn all-state hon-

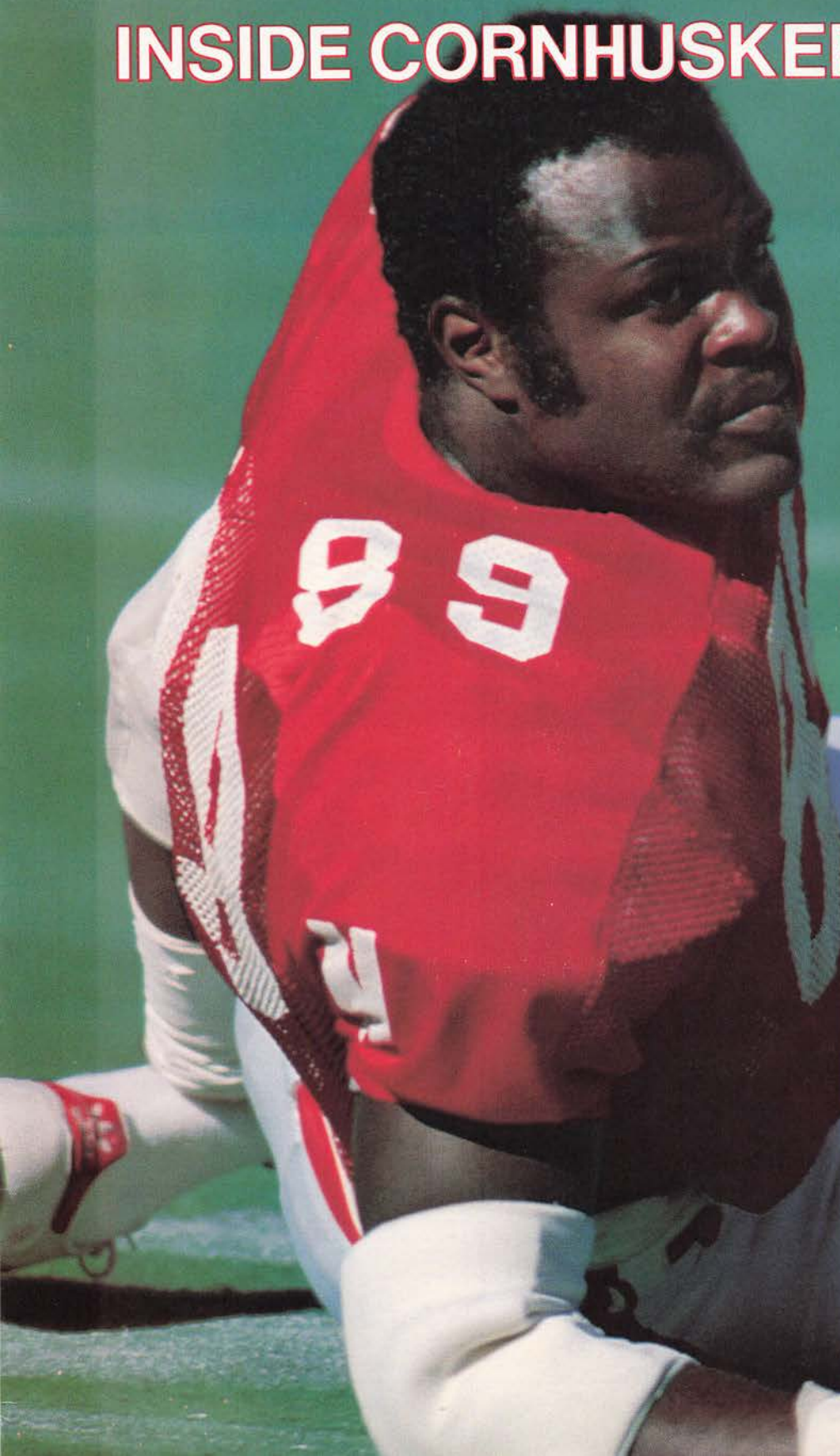
"When I was in high school, I tried to go to as many basketball camps as I could; I tried to get to three or four camps a summer. But once you attend two or three camps, you're not going to learn that much, so mostly I looked to them for the competition," Anderson says.

Last summer he found that in Indianapolis and "this summer I'm going back," he says.

Anderson is convinced his next visit will be as a one-year varsity letterman at Nebraska. **N**

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SCOUTING REPORT

Houston Cougars



University of Houston football has been likened to the little girl with the curl in the middle of her forehead: When she's good, she's very, very good and when she's bad, she's very, very bad.

But the 1979 Cougars have gone a long way toward overcoming that reputation. They've been reasonably consistent all season long and really haven't had the peaks and valleys that have marked other Bill Yeoman teams.

Only a year ago, the Cougars opened the season with a 17-3 loss to Memphis State and later dropped a 22-21 decision to Texas Tech. But between those losses they defeated such luminaries as Texas and Arkansas and hammered a good Texas A&M team 33-0.

And that's how it's been down through the years with the Cougars. They've won some very big games. And they've lost some very little ones.

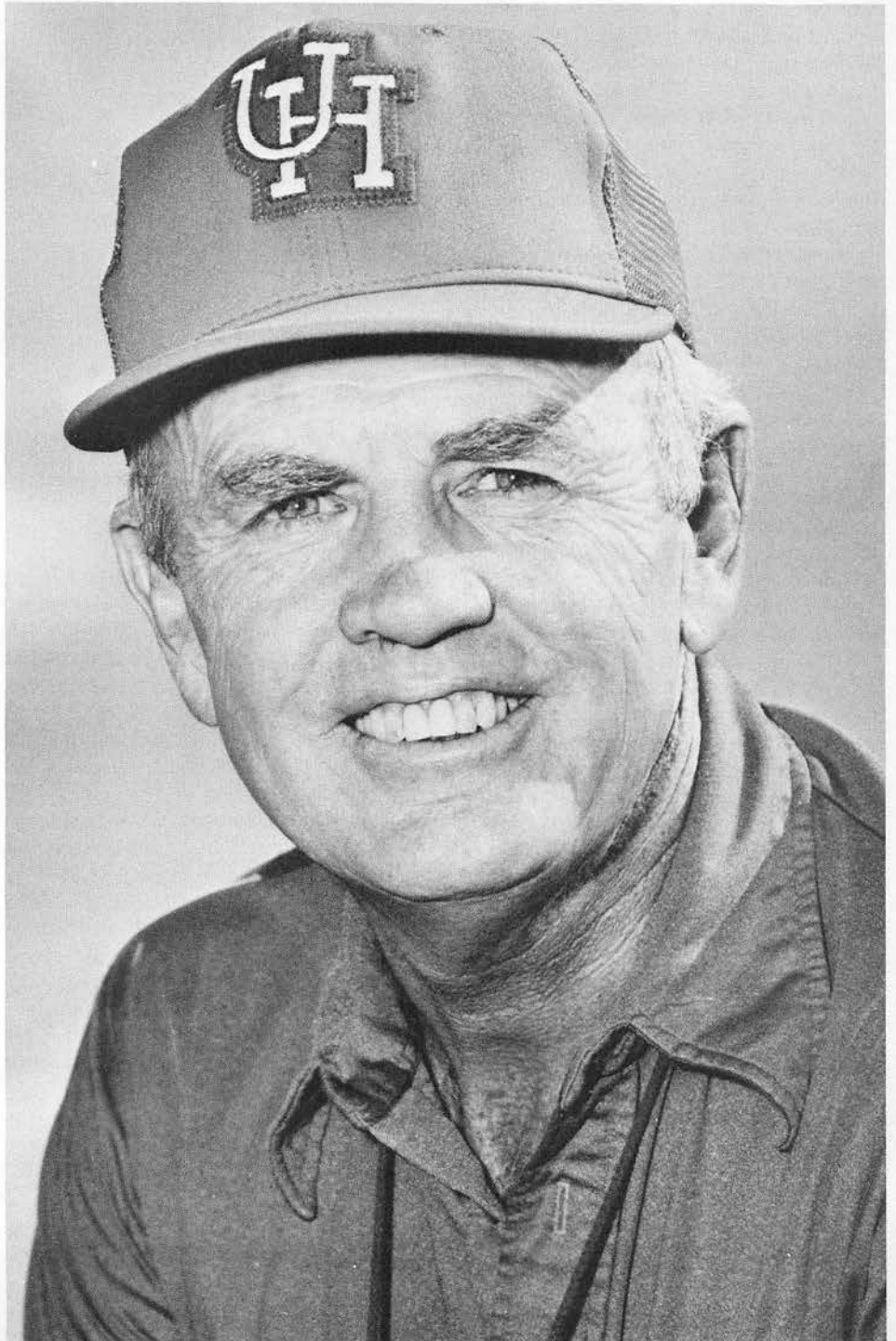
But this team has been good all season. It has been excellent defensively and steady, if unspectacular, offensively.

Led by defensive tackles Hosea Taylor and Leonard Mitchell, who weigh in at 530 pounds as a tandem, and linebacker David Hodge, Houston has been rock-hard on defense all fall.

Offensively, the Cougars have been led by tackle Melvin Jones, running back Terald Clark and quarterbacks Delrick Brown and Terry Elston.

Defense, though, is what has enabled Houston to post a 10-1 record and make its third Cotton Bowl appearance in the last four years. The Cougars came from behind to win in the fourth quarter against UCLA, Florida, Texas A&M, Baylor and Arkansas.

Houston's match against Nebraska will be the Cougars' ninth bowl game — and third visit to the Cotton Bowl in the last four



Bill Yeoman, finishing his 18th season at Houston, will take a 124-65-6 record into the Cotton Bowl against Nebraska. He is the innovator of the veer offense, which was the forerunner of the wishbone.

years. The Cougars nudged Maryland 30-21 in the January 1, 1977, game, then fell to Notre Dame 35-34 last January 1.

Houston was headed for a Sun Bowl date with Washington before the December 1 games. Texas A&M's 13-7 upset of Texas boosted the Cougars into the Cotton Bowl and pushed Arkansas and Texas into the Sugar and Sun bowls, respectively.

OFFENSE

LINE — This is an area of strength for the Cougars. They returned six starters among the front offensive seven, losing only their starting center from a year ago.

Top performer up front is 6-3, 238-pound Melvin Jones, a pre-season All-America choice and two-time All-Southwest Conference pick. Jones was a nose guard as a freshman on the 1976 Houston team, which won the SWC. He moved to offensive tackle as a sophomore and was a starter by mid-season. A Houston product, he was one of the state's top shot-putters in high school with a toss of 62-plus feet.

He is flanked by Robert Jones (250) at the other tackle and guards Jack Faniel (260) and Dennis Greenawalt (236). Randy Swisher (228) has performed well at center.

RECEIVERS — Tight end Garrett Jurgajtis, another starter from a year ago, has been the Cougars' leading pass receiver all season. He has 23 catches for 275 yards. A 229-pounder, Jurgajtis has been a steady performer for three years. He uses his 6-5 height to good advantage.

Flanker Eric Herring was a starter a year ago. A 184-pounder, Herring started two games as a freshman before taking over the flanker duties as a soph, when he caught 23 passes for 287 yards. He was moved to split end briefly early in the fall, but moved back to flanker, where he and Lonell Phea have caught 11 and 12 passes, respectively. Hubert Miller is the split end.

QUARTERBACKS — Delrick Brown has been the season-long starter, but Terry Elston has been a big part of Houston's year with his stirring performances after coming in from the bench.

Brown (160) is a skittery, waterbug type, while Elston (207) is the sturdy, strong one. Brown finished the year ranked third in the Southwest Conference in passing with 737 yards.

Elston, though, entered games against UCLA, Florida, Texas A&M and Texas Tech in the second halves and pulled Houston to victories. He almost did the same in the Cougars' 21-13 loss to Texas.

RUNNING BACK — Terald Clark, a 190-pound junior from Galena Park, Texas, has been Houston's top ball-carrier all season. He finished with 1,063 yards in 193



Leonard Mitchell is one of Houston's behemoth tackles. He and Hosea Taylor give the Cougars a 530-pound tackle tandem on defense.

carries for a 5.5 average. He and Texas Tech's James Hadnot are the only two SWC rushers to top 1,000 yards this fall. Fullback John Newhouse, cousin of the Dallas Cowboys' Robert, also was a valuable performer at fullback. Newhouse ran for three touchdowns, including a 64-yarder, in the 63-0 regular-season finale against Rice.

Clark and Newhouse have enjoyed solid backup help, too, in the forms of Allen Polk and David Barrett.

OVERALL — Houston led the Southwest Conference in total offense and rushing offense. It's a typical Houston team in that the Cougars try to stay on the ground with the veer and go to their passing game only for balance and in emergencies.

The Cougars will try to run behind Jones at right tackle with Clark, which is their strength formula. And they like to run Brown on the veer option. He has excellent quickness and can strike quickly.

DEFENSE

LINE — Another area of definite strength. With Hosea Taylor (260) and Leonard Mitchell (270) at the tackles, the Cougars are well-anchored. Both are all-conference types.

Robert Oglesby (226) has been solid at nose guard, too. A starter on the 1976 team, he sat out 1977 because of injuries before returning to starting status a year ago.

Joe Redmon (205) and Kelly McDonald (211) are light but quick defensive ends. Both are first-year starters, but have blended well with an experienced defensive unit.

LINEBACKER — David Hodge, a 6-3, 211-pounder, is considered one of the best linebackers to come out of the Southwest Conference in recent years. Working behind the likes of Taylor and Mitchell, he can be a terror. He was a starter as a freshman and again for the 1976 team before sitting out the 1977 season for personal reasons. He returned to his starting role in 1978 and probably has been the best defensive performer in the conference as a senior.

Hodge has teamed with Grady Turner, a 205-pound junior, to give the Cougars excellent linebacking. Turner replaced Steve Bradham, who was hurt in the second game of the season.

SECONDARY — If the Cougars have a weakness, this is it. Because of the quality up front, though, few have been able to

expose any vulnerabilities in the secondary.

The secondary returns intact from a year ago, so inexperience has not been a factor. Cornerbacks Donnie Love (185) and Kenny Hatfield (180) combine with free safety Elvis Bradley (180) and strong safety Tommy Ebner (200).

OVERALL — The Cougars have gotten where they are through defense. They finished the season ranked behind only Texas as the top Southwest Conference team in total defense. They finished third against the rush and second against the pass.

It's a team which will yield yardage only grudgingly.

KICKING

Kenny Hatfield is the main item in Houston's kicking game. He is the Cougars' place-kicker and kickoff-return specialist. Hatfield nailed 32 extra-point kicks and 11 field goals for 65 points during the season and has a string of 55 straight extra-point kicks intact. The punting is handled by Mark Ford, who averaged 40.4 on 38 kicks.

SERIES

Houston, which has been fielding a football team only since 1946, has never played Nebraska.

INJURIES

The Cougars lost linebacker Steve Bradham with an elbow injury in the second game of the season and defensive end James Wilson (knee) and cornerback Donnie Love (fractured hand) in the loss to Texas. Love should be able to return for the Cotton Bowl.

RECORDS

Houston (10-1)

24	UCLA	16
14	Florida	10
49	West Texas	10
13	Baylor	10
17	Texas A&M	14
37	SMU	10
13	Arkansas	10
21	TCU	10
13	Texas	21
14	Texas Tech	10
63	Rice	0
278	Totals	121

Nebraska (10-1)

35	Utah State	14
24	Iowa	21
42	Penn State	17
57	New Mexico State	0
42	Kansas	0
36	Oklahoma State	0
38	Colorado	10
23	Missouri	20
21	Kansas State	12
34	Iowa State	3
14	Oklahoma	17
366	Totals	114

YOU'RE THE COACH

Nebraska and Houston look to be much alike statistically. Both have moved the football with some consistency, particularly on the ground, and are stingy on defense. And those are two good reasons why both have made it to the Cotton Bowl.

The Cougars have allowed only 12 touchdowns to opposing offenses, the same as Nebraska's Black Shirts have yielded.

Terald Clark promises to be one of the finest runners the Huskers have faced, although probably not in the same class as Oklahoma's Billy Sims.

	NU	UH			
1979 Record to Date	10-1	10-1	FUMBLES /LOST	33/21	39/17
Returning Starters	12	14			
1978 Overall Record	9-3	9-3	PENALTIES / YARDS	62/633	50/401
TEAM OFFENSE			INDIVIDUAL OFFENSE		
Rushes attempted	715	653	Rushing	No.	Yds. Avg. TD
Yards gained	4051	3482	(NU) Redwine	148	1042 7.0 8
Yards lost	255	225	(NU) Hipp	125	677 5.4 4
Net yards gained	3796	3257	(NU) Franklin	98	543 5.5 4
Avg. gain per rush	5.3	5.0	(NU) Johnson	94	530 5.6 6
Touchdowns	36	29	(UH) Clark	193	1063 5.5 7
			(UH) Newhouse	126	678 5.4 4
Passes attempted	184	155	Passing	PA	PC PI YDS TD
Passes completed	94	77	(NU) Hager	90	46 4 680 6
Passes intercepted	8	8	(NU) Quinn	91	47 4 624 4
Percentage	.511	.497	(UH) Brown	117	59 6 737 6
Total yards	1317	1028	(UH) Elston	37	17 2 281 0
Touchdowns	11	6	Receiving	No.	Yds. Avg. TD
Passes caught	94	77	(NU) Smith	30	477 15.9 1
Total yards	1317	1028	(NU) Miller	21	409 19.5 7
Avg. gain per catch	14.0	13.4	(UH) Jurgajtis	23	275 12.0 0
Touchdowns	11	6	(UH) Phea	12	261 21.8 0
			(UH) Herring	11	142 12.9 1
TEAM DEFENSE			INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE		
Rushes attempted	418	509	Tackles	Solo	Assisted
Yards gained	1447	2077	(NU) Baker	52	28
Yards lost	423	380	(NU) Williams	45	30
Net yards gained	1024	1697	(UH) Hodge	87	38
Avg. gain per rush	2.4	3.3	(UH) Turner	73	22
Touchdowns	6	9	Interceptions	No.	
Passes attempted	247	180	(NU) LeRoy	4	
Passes completed	111	84	(NU) Means	4	
Passes intercepted	17	19	(UH) Love	5	
Percentage	.449	.467	(UH) Hatfield	4	
Total yards	1356	1089	Fumble Recoveries	No.	
Touchdowns	6	3	(NU) Nelson	2	
			(NU) Barnett	2	
PUNTING			(NU) LeRoy	2	
Number	43	50	(UH) Six with 2		
Yards	1686	1937			
Avg.	39.2	38.7			
Longest	61	65			

1974 COTTON BOWL

Off the Bench, Into the Fracas

by Steve Pederson



Steve Runty wasn't nervous. It wasn't the first time he'd been called upon in the second half to pull Nebraska to victory. The difference was this was the Ogallala, Nebraska, senior's last game, the last time he would ever pull on the pads — and it was the 1974 Cotton Bowl.

Runty pulled the Cornhuskers' chestnuts from the fire, engineering a 19-3 victory over the Texas Longhorns. But let's go back with Runty and remember how it was that cold, blustery day in Dallas; let's go **INSIDE CORNHUSKER SPORTS**.

Runty still is involved in Nebraska football. He is the color commentator for one of the radio networks that carry the Huskers' games.

Runty remembers he didn't have much time to get nervous before he entered the game, the first bowl game in the Tom Osborne regime.

"He really didn't give me very much time to think about it," recalls Runty. "He told me about 30 seconds before we went back onto the field that I was going to start the second half."

The Huskers had gained an invitation to the Cotton Bowl because of a 27-0 regular-season finale loss to Oklahoma. That left Nebraska with an 8-2-1 record and second place in the Big Eight Conference.

"We really got beat by Oklahoma and we were definitely down," says Runty. "We had two weeks off after the last game before we had to get ready for the bowl game. And it seemed like starting the season over when we got back to practice."

The Huskers were tied at halftime at 3-3 and there was no doubt the 11th-ranked Nebraskans were struggling. The Huskers stalled short of a touchdown at the one-yard line just before halftime and that sig-

Steve Runty was called upon to replace David Humm after the Huskers stalled in the first half against Texas. Runty enjoyed one of his finest efforts in his final collegiate outing.



The 75,000-seat Cotton Bowl is ensconced squarely in the middle of the Texas State Fair, deep in the heart of Dallas.

naled the change from Dave Humm to Runty.

"Texas had scouted us pretty well and I guess they knew that Humm was basically a passer and played us that way," says Runty. "It was kind of a depressing thing at the end of the first half when they stopped us and their defense held. That was when Osborne decided that we had to get a different kind of quarterback in there and open it up a little with some new plays."

Runty, quite obviously, was the answer. Although he was a fifth-year walk-on from Ogallala, he had some abilities that Humm did not possess.

Steve remembers how it was when Osborne called him over and turned the offense over to him.

"I was excited, but not really nervous. Here was my chance to play, especially since it was my last game. Since I had played for five years and had started the first game of the year against UCLA, I really had a lot of confidence in what I could do. I think the team did, too, because I have always thought that about 80 to 90 percent of football is mental and positive thinking can do a lot to win a game."

As a backup, Runty was in a unique position. He never knew when he might be called upon or when he might stand along the sidelines. How does a quarterback in a reserve role prepare himself for a game?

"I've always been very competitive," he says. "I very definitely got myself ready to play in every game. That is one thing I learned. I always was so involved in the game along the sidelines that it was almost like actually playing. You have so many friends out there and I really wanted to win. In that way, I was automatically ready to go into the game."

Nebraska didn't waste a lot of time putting the Longhorns on ice in the second half. Safety Bob Thornton returned a Texas field-goal attempt 41 yards to set up the go-ahead touchdown. Ritch Bahe scored on a 12-yard reverse. Minutes later, John Bell pounced on a fumble at the Texas 19 and Tony Davis tallied from the three for the clinching touchdown.

Rich Sanger, who kicked a 24-yard field goal in the second quarter, toed a 43-yarder in the final quarter to wrap up the scoring.

Once the Huskers began to roll, there

was no stopping them on this day.

"We were so fired up that I don't think anyone in the country could have beaten us that day," says Runty. "No one could have stopped us. We were really a cohesive unit out there and we really wanted to win."

On the first touchdown play, Runty recalls, "I remember that we were marching down the field and I had just thrown a 15 to 20-yard pass to Ritchie Bahe. Then Osborne sent in a wingback reverse and I couldn't figure out why he had called that play. But it worked and we scored. At the time, though, I couldn't figure out why he ran that play."

Runty remembers the Dallas cold — it was 37 degrees at game time — did not make his blood run thin.

"After the game, I was really flying high — coming off the bench and all like that," he says. "I think that second half and the first game of the season when I started and we beat UCLA were the highlights of my career at Nebraska."

For Nebraska partisans, though, it was just another bowl victory, but the first in the Tom Osborne regime. **N**

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HUSKER SCORECARD

by Cathy Chown

If it's cold in lane three, you know it's also cold in lanes two and four," laughs Carol Frost, head coach of the Nebraska women's track and field team.

She was describing some words of wisdom that she will pass along to one of the best athletes she has ever coached, Merlene Ottey of Hanover, Jamaica.

At this point, Merlene hasn't gotten used to the cold weather in Nebraska. But for her benefit, Frost (no pun intended) has checked out the average temperature in Moscow during July. It ranges from 55 to 76 degrees. It is a virtual certainty Merlene will represent the Jamaican team at the 1980 Olympics in the 200-meter dash, 4 X

100 relay and 4 X 400 relay.

In the meantime, she will run for the Huskers and, no doubt, will be one of the best female sprinters in the nation.

"Merlene is the first athlete we've had that comes to us with international competition," says Frost.

The long-legged Jamaican placed third in the Pan-American Games last summer with a :22.7 in the 200-meter dash. She is the Jamaican record-holder in the 200 and has competed in the Penn Relays, the Norman Manley Games (with athletes from Jamaica, the United States, England, Canada and Cuba), the World Cup Trials in Quebec, the Barrientos Games in Havana,

the Pepsi-Cola Invitational in Chicago, the Carribean Games in Guadalajara and the Pan Am Games in Puerto Rico.

The most amazing thing about the above list is that one year ago Merlene was running barefoot on grass tracks.

"She has had just one year of training," says Frost.

Merlene now is on a weight-training program and, according to Frost, could improve almost as much in the next year as she has in the last.

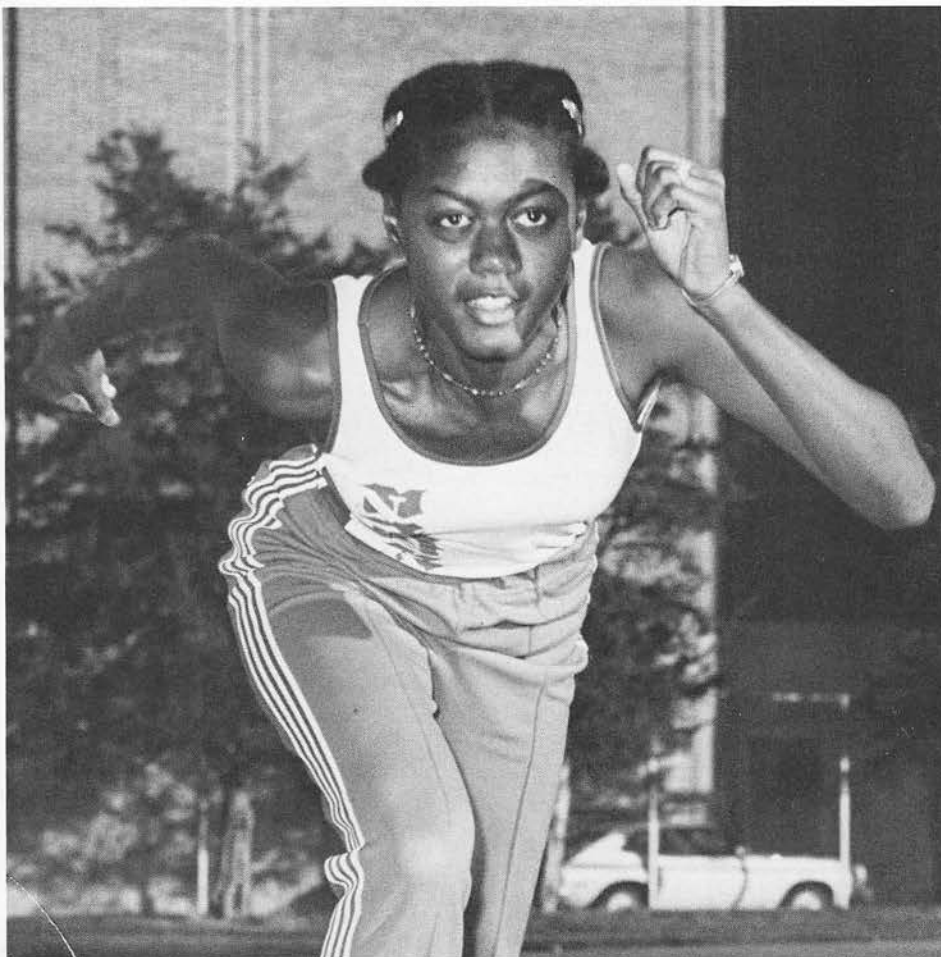
In one year she has lowered her time in the 200 by four seconds. Changing high schools and coaches helped get her the most advanced training she needed.

When Ottey first was looked at by Frost last April, she hadn't been running that well. But within the space of three meets, she went from an average athlete to an international competitor.

"Right now she is a very natural runner and no one has done anything to try to change that," Frost says. "Merlene gives you the impression that she is hardly moving. She is long-legged and smooth with a long, natural stride."

Helping with emotional support has been fellow countryman Normalee Murray, a quarter-miler who also is running for Nebraska. Several Jamaicans on the men's team and more in the community have helped Merlene from becoming too homesick.

With another Olympic hopeful, quarter-miler Jennie Gorham, high-jumper Sharon Burrill and Merlene, Nebraska should have an excellent chance to score well, and perhaps win, the AIAW Nationals next May. **N**



Merlene Ottey brings a bundle of natural talent to the NU track program, but she may have difficulty adjusting to non-Jamaican winters.



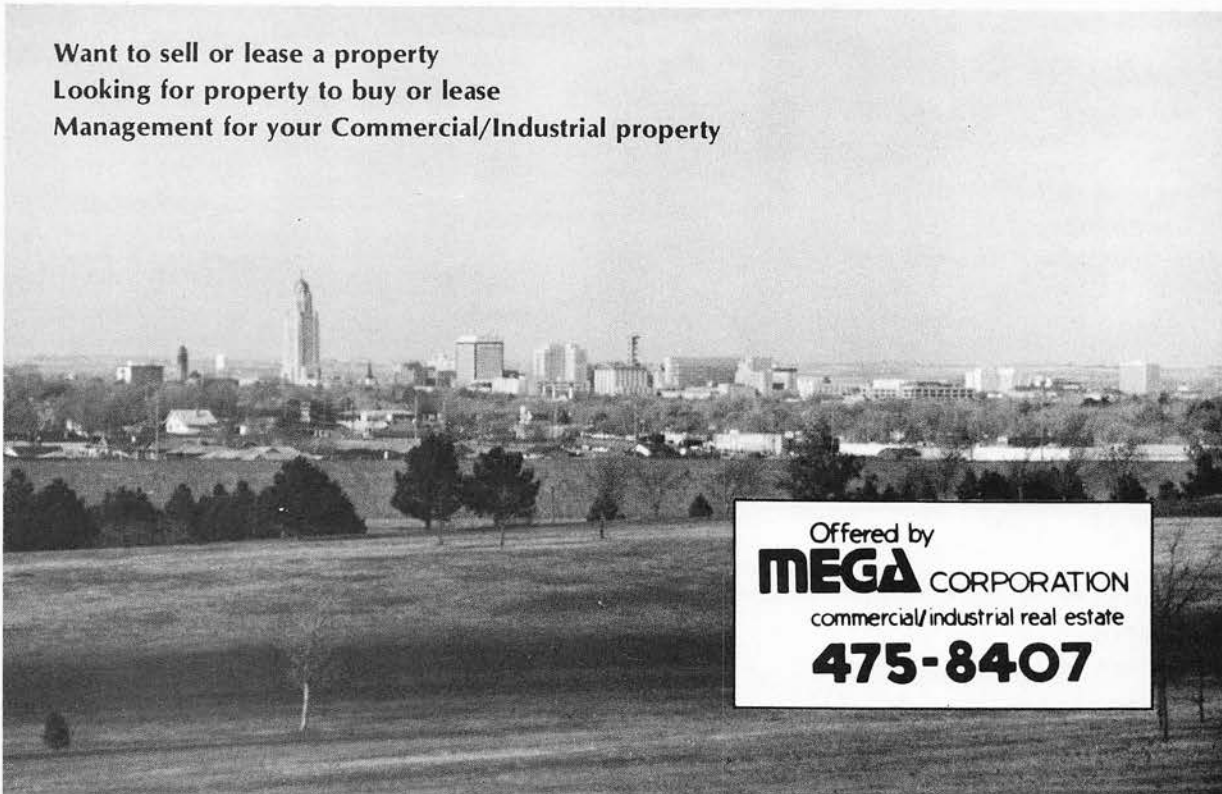
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Winter Sports Calendar

BASKETBALL

November

- 24 — NU 113, Windsor, Ont. 69.
30 — NU 100, South Dakota St. 83.

December

- 1 — NU 74, Portland St. 52.
3 — NU 82, Eastern Washington 68.
8 — Creighton
11 — at Purdue
13 — Cal-Bakersfield
15 — at Minnesota
22 — Alabama-Birmingham
27-30 — at Hawaii Classic

January

- 2 — at Idaho
4 — Wisconsin-Oshkosh
5 — Angelo State
9 — at Iowa State
12 — Missouri
16 — Kansas
19 — at Colorado
23 — Oklahoma State
26 — at Kansas State
30 — Oklahoma

February

- 2 — at Missouri
5 — at Kansas
9 — Iowa State
13 — at Oklahoma State
16 — Colorado
20 — Kansas State
23 — at Oklahoma
26 — Big Eight Post-Season Tournament (First round).
29-March 1 — Big Eight Post-Season Tournament (semifinals and finals).

GYMNASTICS

November

- 2-3 — at Big Eight Invitational (2nd).
16-17 — at Windy City Invitational (2nd).
23-24 — at Midwest Open (no team score).

December

- 1 — at Ball State Invitational
7-8 — at World Games

January

- 19 — Colorado
26 — Oklahoma/Iowa State

February

- 9 — at Kansas
16 — at Oklahoma
24 — at Southern Illinois

March

- 2 — at LSU
7-8 — at Big Eight (Iowa St.)
22-23 — at NCAA Midwest Regional (Iowa St.)

April

- 3-5 — NCAA in Lincoln

SWIMMING

November

- 16-17 — at Iowa St. Invitational (No team score).
30-Dec. 1 — Big Eight Relays (Iowa St.)

December

- 8 — Colorado/Colorado St.
14-16 — Nebraska Christmas Classic

January

- 12 — at Minnesota
18-19 — Mid-Winter Invitational
25 — at Kansas
26 — at Missouri
29 — at Southwest Minnesota St.

February

- 1 — Northern Iowa
2 — Iowa State
8 — at TCU
9 — at Oklahoma

March

- 6-8 — Big Eight championships
27-29 — at NCAA championships (Boston)

April

- 10-12 — at AAU national championships (Austin)

WRESTLING

November

- 9-10 — Great Plains-AAU (No team score)
17 — at Bison Open (Fargo) (No team score; 3 1sts)
23-24 — at Oklahoma Open (No team score)
30 — St. Cloud St./Central Missouri

December

- 7-8 — at Iowa St. Invitational
8 — at Iowa State
15 — at Central Indiana
21-22 — at Northern Illinois Inv.

January

- 12 — Colorado St./NW Missouri/
Northern Illinois
19 — Oklahoma St.
23 — at Nebraska-Omaha
27 — Missouri
30 — at Drake

February

- 2 — Oklahoma/Kearney St.
8 — Colorado
9 — at South Dakota St./Northern Colorado
16 — at Maryland/West Virginia
17 — at Navy/William & Mary/East Carolina
21 — at Brigham Young
22 — at Utah
23 — at Utah St.
29-March 1 — at Big Eight (Oklahoma)

March

- 13-15 — at NCAA (Corvallis)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

November

- 16-17 — Nebraska Invitational —
NU 81, Hastings 43;
NU 83, Weber St. 68;
NU 84, Midland Lutheran 54
21 — Tennessee (Chattanooga) 79, NU 64.
22-24 — Tennessee Tech 77, NU 68;
Valdosta (Ga.) St. 82, NU 72.
29-Dec. 1 — at Cal-Berkeley Tournament —
NU 71, Arizona St. 69, Long Beach St.
67, NU 54, New Mexico 74, NU 56.

December

- 4 — Kansas St. 90, NU 75.
8 — Colorado
12 — at South Dakota
14 — at Nebraska-Omaha
15 — Oklahoma

- 22 — Iowa
29 — U. of Manitoba

January

- 2 — at Queens College
3 — at St. John's
4 — at Fairleigh Dickinson
7 — at Tennessee
8 — at Tennessee Tech
11 — at Louisiana Tech
17-19 — at Big Eight (Missouri)
23 — NW Missouri St.
26 — at Iowa St.
30 — Nebraska-Omaha

February

- 2 — Oklahoma St.
6 — at Missouri
15 — Central Missouri St.
19 — South Dakota
21 — at NW Missouri St.
22 — at Kansas
28-March 1 — AIAW Region 6 (first round)

March

- 6-8 — AIAW Region 6

SWIMMING

November

- 16 — NU 83, Missouri 43.
28 — Florida St. 82, NU 56.
30-Dec. 1 — Husker Invitational (3rd out of 8 teams).

December

- 7 — Colorado
8 — Colorado St.
14-16 — Christmas Classic (AAU)

January

- 18 — at Wisconsin/Michigan
19 — at Iowa
25 — at Kansas

February

- 2 — Iowa St.
8 — at TCU
9 — at Oklahoma
21-23 — Big Eight

March

- 19-22 — at Nationals (Las Vegas)

GYMNASTICS

November

- 16 — at Iowa Invitational —
1st out of 8 teams.

December

- 15 — Iowa

January

- 11 — at Utah St./Boise St.
12 — at Brigham Young
19 — Missouri
26 — at Windy City Invitational (Chicago)

February

- 2 — SW Missouri St./Minnesota
8 — at Kansas
15-16 — at Big Eight (Oklahoma St.)
23 — at Colorado/Denver/Colorado St./
Kansas

March

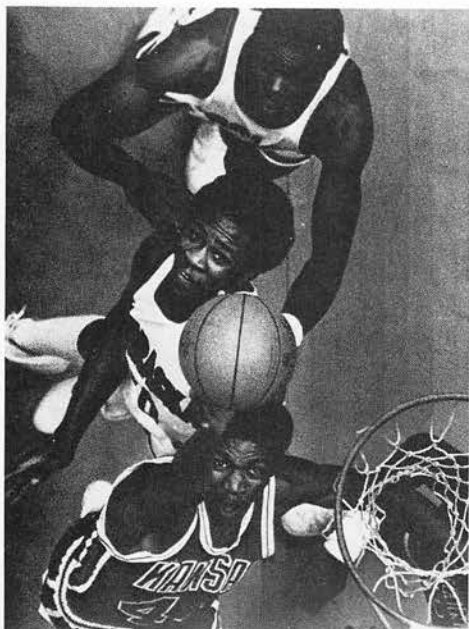
- 2 — at LSU
9 — at Oklahoma St.*
21-22 — at Regionals (Kansas)

April

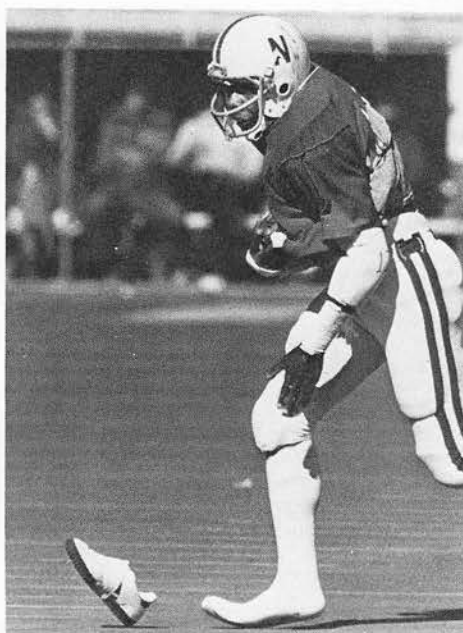
- 4-5 — at Nationals (Baton Rouge)

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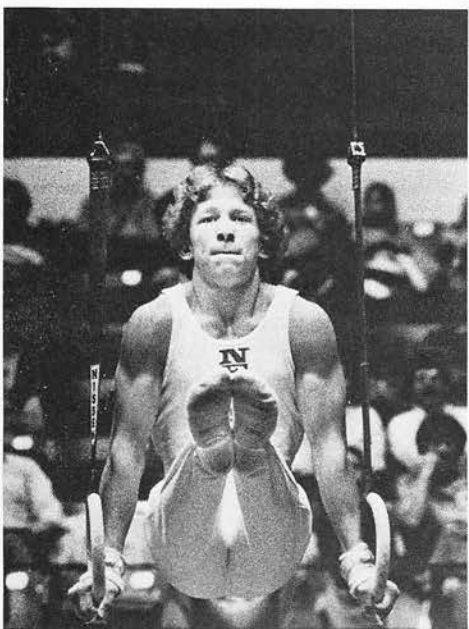
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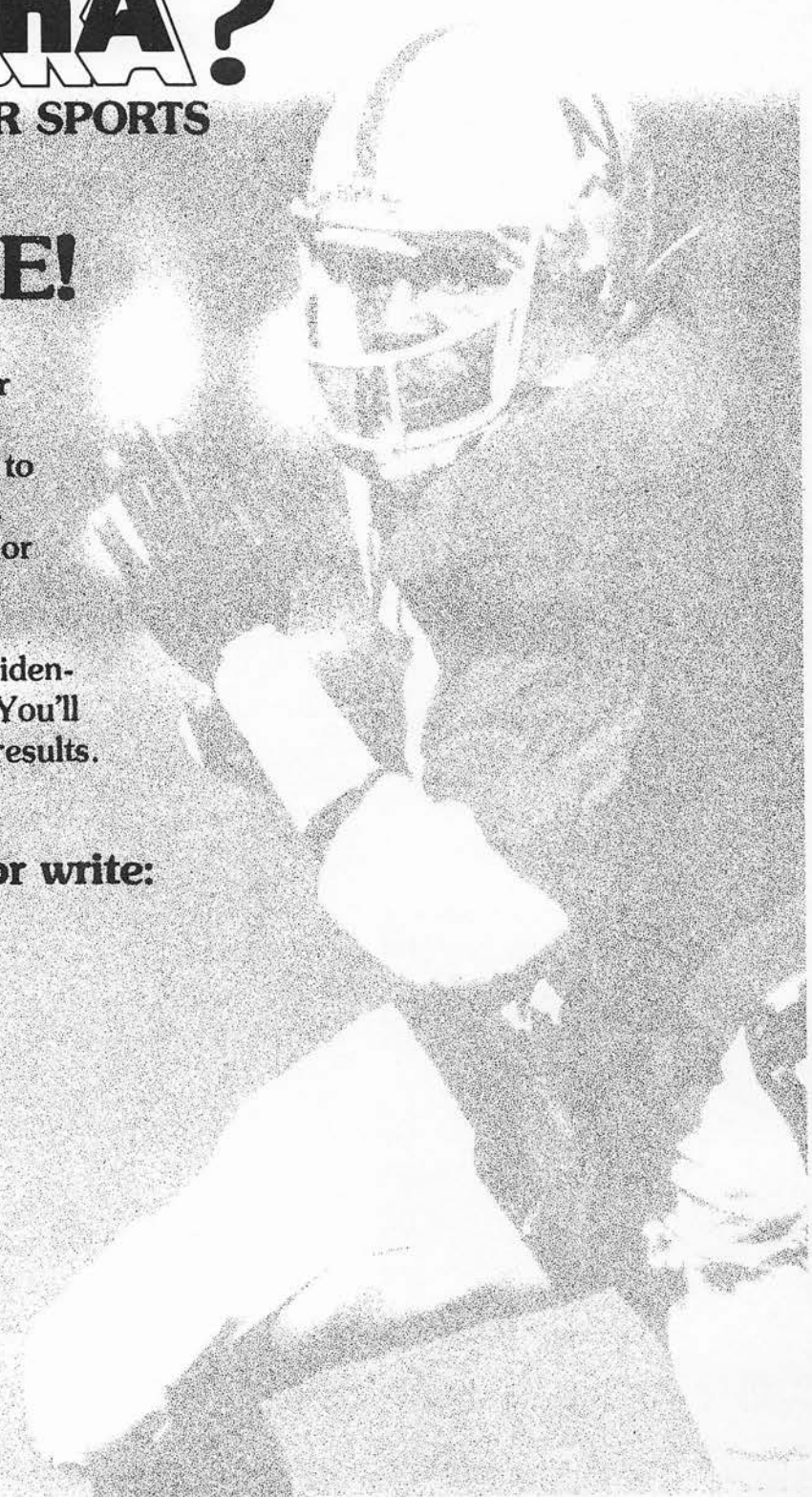
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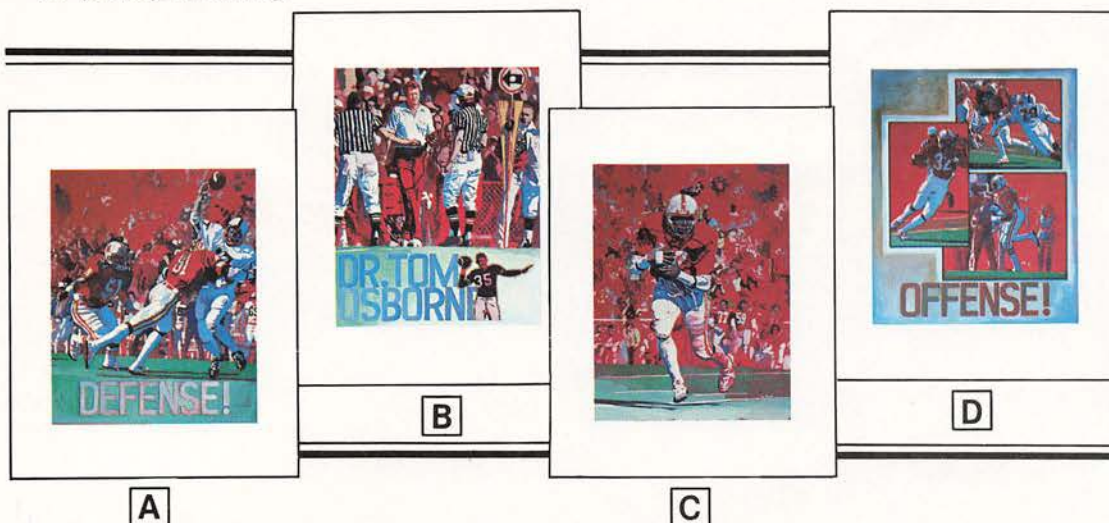
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